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confidentially that there will be a major reorganization of the HVA about the end of 1951. It is understood that division staffs, serving as intermediary staff echelons (Zwischenstäbe) will be formed and placed in control of a certain number of Bereitschaften, considered as equivalent to regiments. No appreciable increase in the number of effectives is contemplated. There is likely to be at least one division staff in each state of the DDR.

2. Inspekteur Richard Staimer, son-in-law of Wilhelm Pieck, recently stated privately that soon after the World Youth Festival in August the Bereitschaftspolizei will be equipped with new uniforms;* he added, "Then we shall no longer have to play hide-and seek." Staimer invited Kommandeur fnu Erdmann, deputy chief of Abteilung Ausbildung of the HVA, to become his deputy when he gets command of a division.

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the inmates of the penitentiary at Waldheim, Saxony, are engaged in making new uniforms for the HVA.

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